PRICE TWO CENTS.

HOPE MAFEKING IS SAFE.

ANXIOUS LONDON CROWD AROUND WAR OFFICE, BUT GETS NO NEWS.

Contradictory Rumors Excite British Anxiety -Boers Intrenched Thirty Miles North of Kroonstad Ready to Resist Roberts's Advance-Buller's Advance Guard in Natal Close to Newcastle-Kruger and Others Said to Be Preparing to Take Flight. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 18. - Until nearly midnight growd waited outside the War Office expecting news from Mafeking. Then it was officially announced that nothing had been received, whereupon the people returned disappointed to their homes. The incident is typical of the attitude of the nation.

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A message from the House of Commons to the War Office to-day brought the reply that there was no official confirmation of the reported rehef of Mafeking.

In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. George Wyndham, Parliamentary Secretary of State for War, said he regretted that he was unable to give any news to relieve the public anxiety regarding Mafeking. News could not reach the Government, he said, for two days, or possibly longer. He added that there was no andrmation of the reported repulse of the re-

The hope that the town is still safe is chiefly built on the fact that the officials at Pretoria maintain silence regarding it and on the statements from Boer sources that the attack made on Saturday failed. There is still nothing later than THE SUN'S despatches regarding the movements of the relief column.

Practically all the news of importance is contained in the official despatches. A correspondent at Fourteen Streams, however, asserts that Gen. Hunter returned there yesterday from Christiana, marching at night. Why he withdrew and why he made night marches are not explained. The correspond at adds that the town was quiet, and that the Boers were out of sight. He further says that a force under Gen. Barton was left within the Transvaal border, but he does not indicate where.

It is not known whether Gen. Roberts has gain started on his northward march from Kroonstad. Correspondents at that place. despatches dated Tuesday, report that Gen. French has located the Boers in strong force at Rhenoster Spruit, about thirty miles north. Gens. Delarey's, Botha's and Olivier's commandos, with several guns, are holding an intrenched position there. The impression is that they will fight at this place, and that this will be the last stand the Boers will make south of the Vaal River.

The correspondents with Gen. Buller in Natal send long accounts of his advance, but they do not add anything important to what is already

Gen. Buller reports that the Second Division has reached Dannhauser and that he hopes the advance patrol is in Newcastle. Gen. Buller's despatch, which is dated Dann

hauser, May 17, 12:20 P. M., continues:
"The Fifth Division is repairing the railway between Elandslangte and Glencoe. The Fourth Division is at Sunday River Drift. All reports agree that about seven thousand of the enemy went north in the most hurried manner on May 14 and May 15.

Gen, Roberts reports that Gen. Rundle yesterday occupied Mequatlings Nek and Modderpoort unopposed. Gen. Hunter entered the Transvaal within ten miles of Christiana. Gen. Methuen reached a point twelve miles from Hoopstad unopposed.

The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts "KROONSTAD, May 17.-Hunter occupied Chris-

tiana yesterday without opposition, the enemy having retired to Klerksdorp under the impres-

'Mafeking was hotly attacked by the Boers in the most determined manner. The attack was repulsed with the greatest difficulty. The Boers lost heavily. Commandant Eloff, President Krüger's grandson, was captured. The garrison had seventeen killed.

Boer Contribution Acknowledged.

This letter was received yesterday by George W. Van Siclen, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Boer Relief Fund Association, from J. H Hofmeyr, President of the Afrikander Bond and former Premier of Cape Colony; Mr. George W. Van Sielen, New York

DEAR Sir. I have great pleasure in acknowledging your faces it have great pleasure in acknowledging your faces with original and duplicate of bill of exchange on Standard Bank. Care Town, for £400, being amount collected by you for our Transvalfree State Wounded, Widows and Orphans Fund. This amount has been duly acknowledged in Ons Land by our Treasurer Mr. de Villiers.

Yours, very sincerely,

J. H. HOFMEYR.

Special Sale of Acolians and Planolas. For full particulars see last page. - Ads.

SURRENDER OF 300 FREE STATERS. | MURDER JURY OUT 16 DAYS. | MET DEATH AND MISSED A FORTUNE. | TAYLOR YIELDS TO TEARS. Turned in Their Arms at Kroonstad-Rallway Officials There Arrested.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN'S Correspondent with Gen. Roberts. KROONSTAD, May 17.-The despatches telling of the operations that resulted in the occupation of this place have been necessarily incomplete owing to the fact that the censor placed a restriction on the number of words of each correspondent. It can now be stated, however, that Gen. French's flanking movement was very effective, actually causing the evacuation of Kroonstad when the British opened fire at midday. A charge would have been more effective, but the horses of the Fourth Brigade were dead tired after their march of forty miles, and though the order for a charge was given very few of the troopers got really home.

When the Fourth Brigade reached the Valsch River they seized Bosch Poort. They then crossed the river and took a strong position on the north side. The First Brigade covered the south side of the river. Three thousand Boers were detached from the force at Kroonstad to prevent the flanking movement, but they would not attack the British. Desultory shelling ended in their retirement and it was necessary to employ only 300 British to repulse them. The next morning the road to Kroonstad was clear

and the town was entered. On Monday 300 Free State Boers applied for passes to return to their farms, and laid down their arms. The scene outside the Provost Marshal's office has not been paralleled since the beginning of the campaign. The burghers rode, drove or walked in to surrender, sometimes accompanied by their wives and children. Their only concern apparently was that they should not be molested if they returned to

their homes. There were 10,000 Boers here on Friday. Most of the Free State burghers dispersed before the British advance and did not retreat with the Transvaalers. The Dutch colonists from Colesberg and other places went north with the retiring Boers. The burghers took with them all the locomotives to the Vaal River. The last train, which carried dynamite, started north from Ventersburg, which is south of Kroonstad, three hours before the British arrived.

The Boers carried 200 cases of rum to the river bed, where they destroyed them prior to the entry of the British. They also set fire to the railway freight shed and station. The railway officials were thought to have sanctioned the burning of these buildings and they have been arrested.

SOME OF THE IRISH CORPS CAPTURED. Said to Have Remained at Kroonstad to Drink the Rum There-American Corps' Losses.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 17 .- A despatch from the Boer camp at Vredefortweg, via Lorenzo Marques, May 16 says it is believed that Col. Blake and a detachment of the Irish Corps were captured at Kroonstad. They were ordered to retreat, but

been left by the commissariat. The American scouts set fire to the goods sheds at Kroonstad.

heavily during the war than any other corps. Originally they numbered one hundred. They have lost thirty-seven in killed, wounded and captured.

NO EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. Mr. Balfour Says the Time Has Not Arrived for Such Negotiations. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 17.-Replying to a question in the Governmen would now propose an exchange of prisoners, the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, asury, said the time had of yet arrived when any useful negotiation on the subject could be conducted with the Boer governments. Mr. George Wyndham, Parliamentary Secre-

And we will be the second of t

BOSTON, May 17.-The full bench of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts to-day decided that the ordinary sales of tobacco by druggists on Sundays are against the law. The decision, was handed down in the case of Commonwealth vs. Isaac Goldsmith. The Court holds that tobacco can only be sold on Sundays when it is to be used as a medicine. This decision will mean that the police will probably enforce the Sunday law strictly.

Fog Delays La Gascogne and Columbia. An easterly wind rolled in a thick and chilling

fog yesterday morning, which obscured the vision of the Sandy Hook observer from dawn until dark. None of the fleet of about a dozen craft that got in was seen until she appeared off the station at Quarantine. Shortly after 11 o'clock last night the air cleared a bit and the Sandy Hook sharp saw going out the French liner La Gascogne and the Hamburg-American liner Columbia, which left their piers in the morning, bound respectively for Havre and Hamburg.

Ladies Travelling Alone Have the services of a well trained maid on the Penn-sylvania Limited to Chicago. -Ade

VERDICT IN THE LUTZ CASE IS GUILTY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

The Stubborn Jurer Koons Comes Into Court a Physical Wreck-Tries to Explain That He Doesn't Agree in His Heart to the Verdict-His Fellow Jurymen's Persecutions.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 17.-The Lutz murder jury found a verdict of guilty in the first degree to-day after being out sixteen days. During all that time the ballot stood ten for first degree and two for anything except that verdict. One of the two, James Barrett, was half-hearted and said as soon as the other, F. A. Koons, was willing to do likewise he would vote with the majority. Mr. Koons, well-read, best-known men in the county, announced on | the first ballot that he did not believe in hanging the man. Accustomed to having his own way in nearly everything be did, he would listen to no argument and became angry when no attention was paid to him.

When the ten men found he would not be moved they began a system of persecution because of the discomfort of living in a small, poorly furnished jury room, their irritation owing to the hot weather and their annoyance at his firm stand for his convictions. They would not talk to him. They refused to walk the fifty yards to the hotel for meals with him in double file. They ignored him at the table. If he leaned out of a window he had that window alone. They taunted him with bets of how long he would remain out. They accused him of being a friend of Lutz's lawyers. They even said he was bribed. Then to show the crowds which watched them march from the jury room to the hotel that they were not responsible for the delay they were badges of blue ribbon so that Koons, wearing none, could be readily distinguished. Finally, last night, when they learned he believed as did Bob Ingersoll, they said he could not have any conscience. He declared that he believed in no literal hell or literal devil, that he was an infidel and did not care who knew it, and that he

would stick to his opinion. But the treatment of oppression was wearing upon him, the long confinement and close quarters were affecting his health, and last night he suffered greatly from rheumatism. Since Monday he had by letter implored his wife to exert all her powers to get Lutz's attorneys to accept a disagreement, but Mrs. Koons, though she consulted many lawyers, failed, and this afternoon sent word to her husband that there spirit broke completely and he agreed to give in. The jurors got his signature at once and hurried into equrt It was the fourteenth bal-

Little attention was paid to the accused when he was brought in trembling. All eyes were remained behind drinking the rum which had centred on Koons. He sat the eleventh in the box, for he had been compelled by the frate eleven to resign the foremanship. He bowed his head in his hands and swayed in his seat. Hazell's American scouts have suffered more | Each juror arose and announced "Guilty in the first degree" Koons shivered when his turn came and he had difficulty in standing. He shook violently and for some time could not speak. Finally he endeavored to explain that he was forced to sign the verdict by his suffering and did not think the man Lutz was responsible for what he had done. Judge Halsey interrupted him and demanded the verdict, guilty or not guilty. Koons said guilty in little more than a whisper and sank down overcome. He was beined from court by friends and buethe House of Commons to-day as to whether | ried at once to his country home, twenty miles

from here. He is a nervous wreck. He said: "I am utterly shaken. I can not talk now. Government leader and First Lord of the I do not care what they accuse me of or say, I did not do my duty and if I had not broken I would not have given in. When I am able to

the public schools. The young women who come under this action of those in charge of the school all belong in Norwich, Conn., and they come here by train each morning and go back at night, and it is while making these trips that flirting and alleged unseemly conduct takes place. Two or three of the company in disgrace are said to be innocent of the charges, but the officials make no distinctions. Every young woman student of the school who makes these trips is suspended for one week.

The faculity refuses to give the names of those suspended and the students themselves will say nothing. Those who come in on this train, as taken from the school catalogue, are Katherine E. Casey, Marian G. Beebe, Mary J. Gallagher, Annie M. Gorman, Catherine Kelley, Bessle E. La Plerre, Mary A. Malone, Agnes C. Murphy, Katherine C. Murphy, Mary E. O. Connell. Edna D. Peck, Ruth H. Spalding, Clara J. Gordon, Edith A. Brooks and Anabel M. Palmer.

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The matter has caused surprise among the 125 students in the school and public opinion seems severe against the faculty.

St. Louis, May 17. - Francis M. Kinsey, a retired banker, died to-day without medical attendance. For the last few months Mr. Kinsey had been taking Christian Science treatment. The autopsy showed that death was due to apoplexy. He was 81 years of age.

Go to O'Neill's for Shirtwaists. Great sale now going on. Unusual values are of fered. 6th ave., 20th to 21st st.-Adv.

An Iron Worker Killed While a Lawyer Was

Seeking Him to Tell Him of His Good Luck. CHICAGO, May 17.-If the lawyer who came from Colorado in search of Henry Thale had arrived in Chicago a few hours sooner, Thale would to-day have been in possession of a fortune. As it is, his body is at the county morgue awaiting The lawyer came to Chicago to burial. identify Thale as being the heir to an estate worth \$100,000, which came to him through the death of an uncle in Colorado a few weeks ago. Thale, who lived at 109 Wells street, was an ironworker, employed by Victor Falkernau, on the new Western Electric building, in course of construction at 259 and 261 Clinton street. He, with W. C. Kestler, was at work on a scaffold seventy-five feet from the ground. While swinging a heavy broad-minded, of decided opinions and one of the iron beam from one of the wings Thale lost his footing and fell. Before the body had been taken away in the police ambulance the lawyer in search of Thale arrived at the building

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

Whistles Heard Through a Fog Call Out the Life Savers at Ocean City, N. J.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 17. A steamer in distress off Ocean City this afternoon signalling by whistle through a heavy fog caused the lifesaving crews from Great Egg Harbor, Corson's Inlet and Ocean City to go out to her aid, but up to a late hour nothing had been reported as to the craft's identity. It is believed she ran ashore on the bar.

Later in the day the fishing schooner F. L. Storer, Capt. Garber, from Hatteras to New York, ran ashore on the bar off Egg Harbor Iniet and springing aleak filled and compelled the crew to abandon her. The Ocean City crew went out to the vessel. They report her in a precarious position.

COUNTESS FESTETICS SUES.

Asks a Divorce From the Roving Count on the Ground of Desertion.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 .- Papers were filed here to-day in the divorce suit of Ella, Countess Festetics de Tolna, against Rudolph, Count Festetics, on the ground of desertion. The plaintiff is Ella Haggin, daughter of Louis T. Haggin of New York, and granddaughter of James B. Haggin, the California mining millionaire and horse breeder, who now lives in Kentucky. She first met Count Festetics, an Austrian nobleman, at her father's house in this city, but the marriage took place in New York on Feb. 24, 1892. In October, 1893, the couple set sail from San Francisco and cruised was no hope of avoiding a verdict. Then his for several years among the South Sea Islands on the yacht Tolna, which was built by the count after his own designs. In her complaint the countess declares that

this yacht, which was dependent wholly upon sails, was not fit for living purposes. She deis the various places visited, and cites the rrow escape of all on board during a typhoon Japanese waters in May, 1896. She declares at in all their wanderings she remained on a yacht with her husband, and only left him the vach with her husband, and only jeft him to be described in the vision of Goebel was offered by She lived with her parents until April, 1898, when she joined her husband at Hong Kong. Son after they went to Shigapore, where they remained from Newaber until April, 1898, Son after they went to Shigapore, where they remained from Newaber until April, 1898, and the states Const of Africa. The countess besought him to about the vacht, as her health had become impaired and she was weary of the bardships and dangers of the sea. She begged him to provide her a home on the shore, which would not have been more expensive than living on the yacht. This he refused to do, whereupon she told him that it would be impossible for the yacht. This he refused to do, whereupon she told him that it would be impossible for the yacht. This he refused to do, whereand of the provide her a home on the shore, which would be impossible for the yacht. This he refused to do, whereand the provide her a home on the shore, which would be impossible for the yacht. This he refused to do, whereand the provide her a home on the shore, which would be impossible for the yacht. This he refused to do, whereand the provide her a home on the shore, which was removed the provide her a home on the shore, which was completed in the Munro homestead, which was occupied in the Munro homestead was occupied in the Munro homestead with the fear of the provide her a home on the shore, which would be impossible f

think clearly I will give out a statement."

The other jurors have given out a statement for publication denouncing Koons for his obstinacy. Lutz, who had hoped for a second degree verdict, was overcome. A new trial will be asked for on the ground that Koons disconted from the verdict.

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friends were waiting on the platform at 1:15 A. M. for a train to Bayonne. The train stopped and the conductor shouted, "All aboard!" The passengers had to cross three tracks to get to the cars. As Miss Collins stepped from the station platform the incoming train came dashing around the curve and struck her.

Miss Collins was taken to court in an ambulance and carried into the court room on a stretcher. Several doctors testified that she was a permanent physical wreck and that she will never fully recover her mental faculties. The verdict is the largest ever awarded in that court. Sepator Allan L. McDermott appeared for her. The defence was contributory negligence.

Would Ruin His Crops.

ROME, N. Y., May 17.-George T. Ferrin of Guilford is dead by his own hand because he feared the coming eclipse would ruin his crops He was an intelligent, respected farmer, but he read and thought so much about the eclipse that it affected his mind. He believed the approaching astronomical event would bring a killing frost that would result in destroying the crops of the farmers all over the State, and killed himself to avoid the dreaded calamity.

A busy man is the stenographer on the Pennsylvania Limited. He takes your letters without charge.

GIVES WAY TO HIS EMOTIONS AT KENTUCKY'S CONVENTION.

Pledges His Life for the Freedom of the Ballot to His Fellow Republicans-Arouses Great Enthusiasm-Breaks Down in Sobs When Fogmer Governor Bradley Speaks

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 17.-Unusual scenes were witnessed this afternoon in the Auditorium where the Republican State Convention was held. Upon the floor were some two thousand delegates, while the stage held many of the well-known men of the State, not Republicans alone, but Democrats of the old school, who for once, at least, sat with men one time political enemies. Remarkable enthusiasm was family. His speech in behalf of civil liberty, though only a few plain utterances, touched a chord in every bosom, and there was a unanimous response. Taylor talked only a few minutes. He said he had pledged his life to the restoration of civil liberty to the people of Kentucky. At the close he made an appeal for a free ballot. He begged his hearers to keep up the fight for political freedom and declared that it rested with the voter to see whether he had a voice in the coming election.

As Taylor finished the whole audience arose Hundreds climbed into chairs and swung their hats and yelled like madmen. The band struck up "Old Kentucky Home," but the music could hardly be heard.

Then former Governor Bradley was called for The crowd kept calling until he mounted the McKinley he turned to the Kentucky situation. As Gov. Bradley proceeded and told how the Goebel papers had defamed Taylor when he went to the funeral, first of his brother, and then of his sister, Gov. Taylor, who was seated behind Bradley with his youngest child in his arm, broke down and sobbed aloud. Many others were moved to tears by the picture which Bradley painted with his elequence. his elequence.
"We will carry Kentucky this fall by 20,000 majority.

majority, Bradley said in conclusion, and, I want to add, this vote will be counted. Somebody cried. "We want you for Vice-President." Then the Somebody cried:

"We want to add, this vite who be content." Then the whole convention yelled its approval.

"I'm afraid the South will never chose a Vice-President in our lifetime, answered Bradley. At the night meeting of the convention Senator W. J. Deboe was selected permanent chairman. The resolutions adopted briefly indorse the policy of the National Administration, both at home and in the new possessions, and instruct the delegates to vote for the renomination of McKinley. The other planks refer to local issues.

The Goebel law is denounced and its repeat demanded. The partisan acts of the last State Legislature are condemned. The steal of State offices is deplored. The independent Democrats are thanked for their aid in recent campaigns. The actions of Senator Deboe in the United States Senate are applicated. The fight made by ex-Gov. Bradley and his legal conferees in behalf of the State Administration is approved.

Finally, the resolutions request former Gov. Bradley to allow his name to be presented for the Vice-Presidency. A resolution condemning the assassination of Goebel was offered by former Gov. Bradley and adopted. Cov. Taylor and ex-Gov. Bradley and adopted. Cov. Taylor and ex-Gov. Bradley and adopted. Cov. Taylor and ex-Gov. Bradley and adopted. State administration is approved.

Finally, the resolutions request former dev. Bradley to allow his name to be presented for the Vice-Presidency. A resolution condemning the assassination of Goebel was offered by former Gov. Bradley were elected by acclaimation as two of the delegates-at-large to the Philadelphia Convention, and Mrs. W. S. Taylor was elected an honerary delegate. For the first time in the history of Kentucky a colored man, the Hon. Albert S. White, was named as a delegate to a Republican National Convention.

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The Countess Festetics was recently in this city, stopping at the home of her father. She is now visiting an aunt.

AFTER CORBETT AND SULLIVAN.

Anti-Saloon League Says the Law is Violated in Their Places—Clergymen Testify.

The Anti-Saloon League has taken proceedings in the Supreme Court to cancel a number of the liquor tax certificates issued to saloon keepers for the year beginning on May 1 last. Proceedings were on the calendar before Justice Andrews in the Supreme Court yesterday attacking the licenses of:

James J. Corbett, Thirty-third street and Broadway.

Danie Exhibition Company, John L. Suilivan, manager, 1177 Broadway.

Norman Selby, known as "Kid" McCoy, Fortieth street and Broadway.

Frank E. Moran, 501 Sixth avenue. examination this morning Botsford paroled to appear at the same time. He is suspected of being implicated in washing stamps.

THE PLAGUE AT SYDNEY.

Steamer Aorangi Brings Reports of Many

Cases There in April. VICTORIA, B. C., May 17 .- The city of Sydney is in the midst of a serious epidemic of bubonic plague. On the day that the steamer Aorangi, which arrived here this morning, left there eight cases were reported. For several days previous there had been three or four cases a day and the whole city was concentrating its energies, as Honolulu did, to fight the disease. Up to April 25 there were 144 cases of plague with 52 deaths. Nearly all the victims were whites, only three among the lot being Chinese.

An interesting fact in connection with the bacteriological work done at Sydney is the discovery of bubonic plague bacill in fleas. The discovery was made by Dr. Frank Tidswell, who had been trying to discover if fleas transmitted the plague.

mit the plague. Sydney is undergoing a great cleaning up. A house to house inspection of the city has been made. ACTRESS'S BROTHER A CATTLE THIEF Victor Bouton Sentenced in Nevada to Seven

Years' Imprisonment. WINNEMUCCA, Nev., May 17.-Victor Bouton, brother of Madeleine Bouton, the actress who amounting to \$19,054 29, of which \$4,720 29 was married Baron Nimptsch of Germany about a received yesterday. Some of the contributors year ago, was sentenced to-day to seven years' imprisonment for cattle stealing. Bouton was recently convicted as a ringleader of a gang of recently convicted as a ringleader of a gaing of cattle rustlers who for years had terrorized northwestern Nevada and the counties in the northeastern part of California. Some of the biggest cattlemen in those sections are impli-cated with Bouton, whose method was to drive eattle from one range to another and change the brands. Thousands were spent to clear young Bouton and his case will be appealed to the Supreme Court of Nevada, and if necessary to the highest courts in the land.

REJOICING IN HONOLULU.

Appointment of Former President Dole as Governor Gives Great Satisfaction. VICTORIA, B. C., May 17 .- According to news prought by the steamer Agrangi, there was re-

joicing in Honolulu when the news reached there on May 9 of the final passage of the Hawaitan bill and of the appointment of President Dole by President McKinley as the first white Governor of the new Territory of Hawaii. Committees have been appointed by the citizens to hold an extensive celebration when the act goes into effect.

The Republicans will organize and appoint delegates to the National Convention at Philadelphia. The native element intends to hold aloof from both parties and organize an Hawaiian party.

HIS FORTY-FIRST CHILD. Levi Bresson of Foster, R. I., Once More a Father-Has His Third Wife.

was made public here to-night: Just across the line in the town of Foster, R. L. resides Levi Bresson, a well-to-do French-Canadian farmer, who arose from bed on Monday morning last to find that his forty-first child had been born. Thirty-six of the children are living and they are all worthy citizens of various parts of the Union and Canada. The present Mrs. Bresson is Levi's third wife, and each of the three has a good family to her credit. Wife No. 2 gave birth to three sets of triplets. No. 1 had several pairs of twins and the present wife bids fair to keep up with those who have gone before. Many of the thirty-six living children have families of their own. Eight of the grandchildren of Levi have families also, exhibited when Gov. Taylor entered with his and none of these seen could give any kind of an idea how many grandchildren and great-grand-

UNLAWFULLY LEFT A BURNING SHIP. Jam, the Josephus's Chinese Steward, Not Entitled to Land in America.

children Levi Bresson has. He owns consider-

able good farming property.

Jam, a Chinese ship's steward, applied yesterday to Judge Lacombe for a writ of habeas corpus requiring Collector Bidwell to set him at liberty. Jam is at present confined on the ship State of Maine. He left Hong Kong last February on the ship Josephus, which was burned at the Standard Oil Company's docks at Bayonne on May 8. Jam escaped to shore, was arrested and was confined on the State of Maine of the same line as the Josephus. He now stage and began speaking. After commending asks to be let go so that he may ship on some other foreign-bound vessel and leave the coun-

PENSIONS FOR AGED PREACHERS. Massachusetts Episcopalians Adopt a Canon

Providing for Annuities of \$500. Boston, May 17 .- At to-day's session of the annual convention of the Massachusetts Episcopal Diocese the most important business transacted was the adoption of a new canon providing retiring allowances for aged ministers. The canon provides that any clergyman who has worked in the Massachusetts diocese twentyfive years and shall have reached the age of 65 shall be entitled, upon expressing a desire to retire from active duties, to an annual allowance of \$500. It also provides that the amount noted shall be raised by a pro rata assessment

MISS NORMA MUNRO INJURED. As She Alights From an Exercising Cart Her

Skirt Catches on the Step. NORWOOD PARK, N. J., May 17 .- In alighting Munro, a daughter of the late Norman L. Munro of New York, fell against the curbing, and her left arm between the elbow and the wrist was fractured. The accident was caused by her skirt catching in the step. She was taken to the office of Dr. Scudder J. Woolley

and that he boards in Botsford's house at Fortyninth street and the Boulevard, Bayonne. On
Monday morning Botsford went into Frederick
G. Wolbert's real estate office at 47 Montgomery
street, Versey City, and offered to seil Mr. Wolbert revenue estamps at a reduced price. Mr.
Wolbert told Botsford to call again the next
day.
Wolbert notified Deputy Internal Revenue
Collector Martin Finck, and when Botsford
called on Tuesday morning Finck and Secret
Service Agent Thompson were concealed in

KLADDERADATSCHER OFF DUTY. Dr. Trojau, Who Made Fun of the Katser

Wont Joke on His Vacation. Dr. Johannes Trojan, who arrived from Bremen on Wednesday, aboard the North German Lloyd steamship Grosser Kurfuerst, is the ed tor of Kladderadatsch, and has the distinction of serving a term in a German fortress for less majeste. His offence was publishing a for less majeste. His offence was publishing a cartoon showing Alexander, Hannibal and Coesar laughing at Emperor William's remark that only Christians could be good soldiers.

Dr. Trojan was requested yesterday to make some remarks, as a humorist, on the general subject of humor. He looked as solemn as any real humorist can and said:

"That's business. I'm taking a pleasure trip."

trip. SOUTH DAKOTA TOWN BURNING. Standard Oil Sheds and Big Grain Elevators at Webster Destroyed.

WEBSTER, S. D., May 17 .- A disastrous fire is raging here with a high east wind to fan the flames. The Standard Oil sheds and tank and seven grain elevators are burning. The grain was run out on the ground in an attempt to saveit. Extensive lumber yards are in danger. The fire threatens the entire town and neigh-boring towns have been asked for help.

Dewey Must Pay Full Price for His Fuel. WASHINGTON, May 17.-Admiral Dewey will

have to buy his fuel in the open market here-after. The Comptroller of the Treasury has decided the question for the Navy Quartermaster, who will no longer sell the Admiral master, who will no longer sell the Admiral standard oak wood at \$3 a cord, and other fuel for an equivalent price, according to the market. Standard oak wood in Washington is now selling at \$7.50 a cord. A provision made in the act of June, 1878, made allowance to officers of the Army and Navy of standard oak wood at \$3 a cord and other fuel at an equivalent figure, according to the market price. Comptroller Tracewell decided that the Quartermaster had no authority to sell fuel to Admiral Dewey, as the act does not provide for naval officers ranking above Vice-Admiral. naval officers ranking above Vice-Admiral

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By Special Train to View the Eclipse. PRINCETON, N. J., May 17. - Eight members of the faculty of Princeton University left here today for Wadesboro, N. C., where they will observe the total eclipse of the sun on May 28. Through the courtesy of President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad two special cars were placed at their disposal free of charge.

Congressman Hopkins's Sister Kills Herself. Elgin, Ill., May 17. Mrs. Phoebe A. Posson, sister of Congressman Albert J. Hopkins, shot herself fatally at her home in Maple Park yesterday. She was alone at the time, and discovery was made by her daughter. Effle, upon returning from school at noon. Mrs. Posson was the widow of Martin I. Posson, who died three years ago. She had been in ill health for some time and of late had been despondent.

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CALLED LATE AT NIGHT TO THROW NEW HAVEN, May 17. -The following story

CAUSTIC AT DR. CRONIN.

WOMAN BLINDED WOMAN

Mrs. Cronin Came to the Door and the Caustic Was Flung in Her Face Instead After a Colloquy-Police in Pursuit of the Criminal - No Explanation of Her Act.

Dr. John J. Cronin of 433 West Fifty-first street had a busy day yesterday and went to bed early, tired out. He told his wife that he would not respond to any more calls, and that if anybody called for him she should say that he was out on an urgent call and would respond in the morning. Mrs. Cronin went to bed, but when her sister, Mrs. Reilly, called she got up, put on a wrapper and talked to her sister. At 11 o'clock Mrs. Reilly rose to go. As the two women were talking in the hall there was a ring at the door bell. Mrs. Cronin opened the door and saw a young woman, dressed in black. She appeared to be about 28 years old and seemed nervous, looking up and

down the street several times before she spoke. "I want to see Dr. Cronin," she said, "Dr. Cronin is out," replied Mrs. Cronin. "He

replied Mrs. Cronin. He is answering an urgent call. If you will leave your name and address he will call on you in the morning."

"But this is an urgent case," said the young woman. "It's a case of heart disease. It's at Murray's 300 West Forty-eighth street."

"I'm sorry," said Mrs. Cronin, "but he is not in." "Well," said the young woman, "I called to

"Well," said the young woman, "I called to give him this."

She took a bottle from her pocket and unscrewed the top. Then she flung the contents into Mrs. Cronin's face. Mrs. Cronin screamed with pain and the young woman fled. Dr. Cronin heard his wife's screams and ram downstairs. I She had fainted. The left side of her face was badly burned. The doctor thinks that some solution of petash had been used. Some of the fluid had got into Mrs. Cronin's eyes and she will probably lose her sight.

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Policeman O'Connor ran to the West Forty-seventh street station and told Capt. Donohue and the Captain, accompanied by Detectives Fizzgerald, Kammer and Lyons, went out to hunt for the young woman, who, Mrs. Cronin said, was dressed in black, was about 25 years old and about the medium height. Dr Cronin said that he knew of no woman who had a grudge gainst him.

Dr. Cronin called in Prof. Lewis of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and two other surgeons. They said that an operation would probably be necessary in the attempt to save Mrs. Cronin's sight.

BANDAGES, BUT NO HURTS.

One Outfit Hid a Pretty Face and the Other a Sturdy Beggar's Sound Arm. A number of men called the attention of Policeman Bird to a woman who was lying on the sidewalk at 152d street and from an exercising cart to-day, Miss Norma Jerome avenue at it o'clock last night. Her head was tied up in bandages, Her head was tied up in bandages, so that only her eyes and mouth could be seen. She was taken to the Morrisania station, where there is a matron. She said that she was 73 years old, and refused to tell where she lived. The matron removed the bandages from her face and found that they did not cover so much as a scratch, but that the woman was a very pretty girl of about 26. After awhile she said she was Annie Burke, an actress, and that she had been drinking.

John Miller, who has been going around downtown with an arm wrapped in bandages smelling of carbolic acid, begging, was arrested last night by the police of the Old Slip station. They found that Miller's arm was perfectly whole, just as they had expected.

Immediately after the eremony Antonio locked his wife up in their apartments and forbade her to receive company. Her mother had called and admittance was refused day after day. The mother consuited a lawyer. He made the petition for a writ of habeas corpus and to it Lawyer Paul Russo made reply that Antonio had a right to detain Fortunata for she was his wife. When the parties got in court to-day, the lawyers arranged an amicable settlement, and Antonio will permit Fortunata's mother to see her at reasonable hours.

The bride is extremely pretty and had a host of admirers. The husband objected to this admiration.

AGAINST NEGRO ENUMERATORS. Citizens of Augusta, Ga., Protest Agains Having Colored Persons Interrogate Them. AUGUSTA, Ga., May 17. Surprise has been caused by the announcement that Census Supervisor Smythe, in making his appointments of enumerators, has appointed fourteen negroes, of enumerators, has appointed fourteen negroes, three of whom are women, to do the work in Augusta. Great indignation is expressed by the citizens over this action, many declaring they will not submit to being interrogated by the black enumerators. Supervisor Smythe said that 107 enumerators had been appointed in the Tenth Congress district, among the number being eighteen negroes, fourteen of whom were in the Augusta list, and of this number three are women. Smythe says he cannot remove any one except for causes.

Columbia county is also protesting against the appointment of a negro enumerator.

BOMB THROWN AT CONSUL'S HOUSE. Second Attempt on the Life of the Portugues

Representative at Honolula. VICTORIA, B. C., May 17 .- Advices received here by the steamer Aorangi from Honolulu tell of an attempt to assassinate the Portuguese Consul, A. Desousa Canaverro, on the morning of May 4. Some one threw a bomb at the house and it had exploded just under the house and it had exploded just under the bedroom window of the Consul. It shattered a portion of the floor near the head of the Consul's bed, smashed all the windows in one side of the house, tore up the ground and scattered bits of sheet iron, the contents of the bomb, to a considerable extens around.

This is the second attempt to assassinate the Consul within the past two years. Two Portuguese anarchists who had been heard to make threats against the Consul were arrested.

WALKS OUT OF COURT AND ESCAPES,

A Texas Sporting Man, on His Second Trial for Murder, Gets Away. Dallas, Tex., May 17.—Frank Fossett, on trial for murder at Fort Worth, Tex., this evening walked out of the court house unobserved and escaped. Fossett, in July, 1899, killed George Dursett, in July, 1809, killed George Dur-rett, alias Dr Carver, in a gambling resort at Fort Worth Both were well known. Southwestern sporting men. Fossett was tried and sentenced to twenty-five years in the Peni-tentiary. A new triel was granted him, which had just started when he escaped. Up to mid-night he had not been captured. All the sporting resorts of Dalias are being searched for him.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP ASHORE.

The Semantha Stranded on the Nova Scotle Coast, but May Be Saved. HALIFAX, N. S., May 17.—The British steam-ship Semantha, Capt. Simmons, bound from Philadelphia for Miramicht, N. B., to load lumber for Europe, went ashore at the northern entrance to the Strait of tanso last night. Wreckers will leave to-morrow for the scene, and there are hopes that the Semantha will be Saved

The Semantha, 2,847 tons, was launched last
year. She was built by S. Austin & Co.,
Sunderland, England, and 's of steel. She is a
single-screw steamer and is owned by the

Haws Steamship Company. John Most, Actor.

Hauptmann's play of "The Weavers," with Anarchist John Most as the star, was given last evening at the Windsor Theatre for the benefit of the striking eigarmakers. Most played the role of Baumert with terrific energy and was proportionately applauded.

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